THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. R. K. PODDAR): The question is:

That the Bill be passed.

The motion was adopted.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE—Contd.

Notification of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944, together with an Explanatory Memorandum on the Notifications:—

(i) No. 240/88—Central Excises, dated the 9th August, 1988, prescribing effective rates of basic excise duty for unwrought aluminium and specified aluminium products.

(ii) No. 241/88—Central Excises, dated the 9th August, 1988, increasing the basic excise duty on aluminium sheets from 11 per cent to 18 per cent if such sheets are intended for use in the electrolytic process for manufacture of aluminium or zinc.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-6379/88 for (i) and (ii)].

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. 233/88—Customs, dated the 9th August, 1988, reducing the basic customs duty on aluminium ingots from Rs 1,000 per MT to Rs. 500 per MT, under secion 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with an Explanatory Memorandum on the Notification. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6378/88].

THE DOCK WORKERS (REGULATION OF EMPLOYMENT) AMENDMENT BILL, 1987.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Sir, I beg to move:

That the Bill further to amend the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1948, be taken into consideration.

Sir, with your permission, I would like to say a few words while moving the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Amendment Bill, 1987 for consideration and passing of the same. The Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act 1948 does not contain any express provisions for annual reports of the Dock Labour Board being sent to the Government or for laying of the annual reports and the audited accounts of these Boards before the two Houses of Parliament. Sir the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table of the House of the 7th Lok Sabha, has in its 21st report, presented to Lok Sabha on 14th August 1984, recommended as follows:—

I quote:

"The annual reports and audited accounts of all the Dock Labour Boards should be, in future, laid on the Table of the House along with review of the Government within nine months of the close of the accounting year and if necessary amendment may be made in the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1948 or the rules, if any, made thereunder, in that regard."

Sir, the Committee also recommended that the annual report and the audited accounts for the year 1977-78 to 1982-83 should be placed on the Table of the House. This was implemented. Thereafter, the reports for the period 1983-84 are also being placed. Now, a Specific provision is being made in the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1948, to provide that the Dock Labour Board shall submit to the Government annual reports on its working and a provision is also being made for laying annual reports and audited accounts on the Table of the Houses of Parliament or the State Legislature, as the case may be. In the case of Major Ports, the Central Government is the appropriate Government and the respective State Governments are the appropriate Governments in respect of Minor Ports.

6.00 PM.

This is implementation of the recommendation of the Committee I don't think anybody has got any objection. It is good that it is put on the Table of the House. (*Interruptions*)

The question was proposed.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. R. K. PODDAR): Let the Members speak. Shri Sunil Basu Ray.

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY (West Bengal): I will speak tomorrow.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. R. K. PODDAR): All right. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: This is the recommendation of a Committee of the House. It should be implemented.

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH (Bihar): But the House must discuss it.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. R. K PODDAR): Now the House stands adjourned and will meet tomorrow a 11 A.M.

The House then adjourned at two minutes past six of the clock till eleven of the clock on Wednesday, the 10th August, 1988.